

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the claims were separated into two species said to be patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The species were set forth as follows:

Species I – Figure 2; and

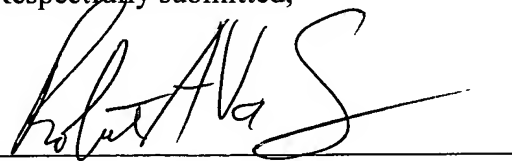
Species II – Figure 3.

Applicants hereby elect Species I (Figure 2) for prosecution on the merits.

Currently, claims 1-12 and 14-28 are readable on the elected species. Those claims remain pending in the present application. Claim 13 has been withdrawn from prosecution until properly reinstated upon indication of a generic claim as allowable.

The pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner believes certain amendments are necessary to clarify the present claims or if the Examiner wishes to resolve other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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